

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 were pending in the instant application. Claims 7 and 8 are withdrawn from consideration.

The following remarks, in conjunction with the above amendments, are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103
SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Waterhouse et al., Journal of Labelled Compounds and Radiopharmaceuticals 2002; 45: 955-964 ("Waterhouse") and Wieland et al., J. Med. Chem. 1984, 27, 149-155 ("Wieland") in view of Shields et al., J. Nucl. Med. 1992; 33: 581-584 ("Shields"). In response, Applicants submit that each of the rejections should be withdrawn for the reasons stated below.

Applicants respectfully submit that the publication date for Waterhouse was August 20, 2002. Since the priority date for the instant invention is July 17, 2002, Waterhouse was not available before the date of invention. Thus, Waterhouse is not a prior reference for the instant invention. Neither Wieland nor Shields anticipates the instant invention by themselves alone or in combination. It is therefore respectfully submitted that 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections of claims 1-6 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, applicants believe that each ground for rejection or objection made in the instant application has been successfully overcome or obviated, and that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and objections, and allowance of the current application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in order to resolve any issues that might arise and to promote the efficient examination of the current application.

Respectfully submitted,

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